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2. ☐ Applicant claims small entity status.  
See 37 CFR 1.27.
3. ☒ Specification [Total Pages 24]  
(preferred arrangement set forth below)
- Descriptive title of the invention
  - Cross Reference to Related Applications
  - Statement Regarding Fed sponsored R & D
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  - Background of the Invention
  - Brief Summary of the Invention
  - Brief Description of the Drawings (if filed)
  - Detailed Description
  - Claim(s)
  - Abstract of the Disclosure
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6. ☐ Application Data Sheet. See 37 CFR 1.76

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## ACCOMPANYING APPLICATION PARTS

9. ☒ Assignment Papers (cover sheet & document(s))
10. ☐ 37 CFR 3.73(b) Statement ☐ Power of Attorney  
(when there is an assignee)
11. ☐ English Translation Document (if applicable)
12. ☐ Information Disclosure Statement (IDS)/PTO-1499 ☐ Copies of IDS Citations
13. ☐ Preliminary Amendment
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Prior application information:

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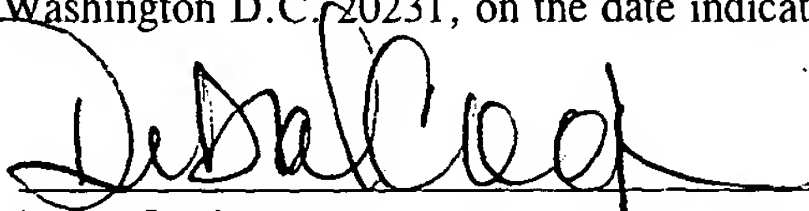
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- 1) Postcard
- 2) Patent Utility Application Transmittal (in duplicate)
- 3) Authorization to Charge Deposit Account (in duplicate)
- 4) Patent Application including 18 Pages of Specification
- 5) 5 pages of Claims (18 claims)
- 6) 1 Page of Abstract
- 7) 24 sheets of Drawings (in duplicate)
- 8) Copy of Declaration and Power of Attorney filed in parent Appln. No. 09/579,166
- 9) Filing Fee:

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An Authorization to Charge Deposit Account is enclosed, which authorizes the Commissioner to charge payment of any concurrent or future fees associated with the filing and prosecution of this application to Deposit Account No. 16-2463. A duplicate of the Authorization is also enclosed.

Respectfully submitted,

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